

## **ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

### ***NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS***

#### **ADARA National Office**

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ADARA is designed to expand networking opportunities, to enhance professional competencies and to support public policies for the facilitation of human service delivery to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Membership includes, but is not limited to: rehabilitation personnel; program administrators and coordinators; mental health workers; educators; social workers; interpreters; students; hearing aid personnel; secretaries; lawyers; audiologists; speech therapists; physicians; psychologists; medical personnel; organizations and other specialists in the field. ADARA is also of interest to many parents and laypersons who work with persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

#### **ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**

3417 Volta Place, NW

Washington, DC 20007

(202) 337-5220 (Voice)

(202) 337 5221 (TTY)

Website: [www.agbell.org](http://www.agbell.org)

E-mail: [info@agbell.org](mailto:info@agbell.org)

The purpose of the Alexander Graham Bell Association is to advocate independence through listening and talking. The membership consists of parents and families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, professionals in the field of hearing health care and deaf education, as well as oral deaf adults who are dedicated to keeping the oral option alive in California.

#### **AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR DEAF CHILDREN (ASDC)**

800 Florida Avenue NE, # 2047

Washington, DC 20002

(717) 703-0073 (Voice)

(866) 895-4206 (Voice)

(800) 942-2732 (Hotline)

Website: [www.deafchildren.org](http://www.deafchildren.org)

E-mail: [asdc@deafchildren.org](mailto:asdc@deafchildren.org)

This parent-helping-parent organization advocates that deaf children should have intervention by qualified providers, total family involvement and educational

opportunities similar to those afforded to hearing children. ASDC believes that parents need education, access to information and support so that their children have every resource available which enables these children to become self-supporting and fulfilled adults.

### **AMERICAN TINNITUS ASSOCIATION**

(800) 634-8978 (Voice)

Website: [www.ata.org](http://www.ata.org)

E-mail: [tinnitus@ata.org](mailto:tinnitus@ata.org)

#### ***Physical Address***

522 S.W. Fifth Avenue, Suite 825  
Portland, OR 97204

#### ***Mailing Address***

P.O. Box 5  
Portland, OR 97207

This organization provides information about tinnitus, referrals to local hearing professionals and support groups (nationwide), funds scientific research related to tinnitus, and conducts workshops for professionals.

### **ASSOCIATION OF LATE-DEAFENED ADULTS (ALDA), INC.**

8038 Macintosh Lane, Suite 2

Rockford, IL 61107

(815) 332-1515 (Voice/TTY)

(866) 402-2532 (Voice/TTY)

Website: [www.alda.org](http://www.alda.org)

Chapter Listings:

[www.alda.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=52&Itemid=83](http://www.alda.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=52&Itemid=83)

E-mail: [info@alda.org](mailto:info@alda.org)

International resource and information center for adults who are late-deafened.

This organization focuses on increasing public awareness of the special needs of adults who are late-deafened.

### **CHILDREN OF DEAF ADULTS (CODA)**

P.O. Box 620398

Littleton, CO 80162

Website: [www.coda-international.org/blog/](http://www.coda-international.org/blog/)

CODA is an international organization that focuses on hearing children of deaf adults. Membership is primarily, but not exclusively, composed of hearing children of deaf parents. CODA addresses bicultural identity through conferences, support groups and resource development.

**DEAF QUEER RESOURCE CENTER (DQRC)**

P.O. Box 14431

San Francisco, CA 94114

Website: [www.deafqueer.org](http://www.deafqueer.org)

DQRC is a national nonprofit resource and information center for, by and about the Deaf Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Transsexual, Intersex and Questioning communities.

**DEAF WOMEN UNITED (DWU)**

P.O. Box 141774

Austin, TX 78714

Website: [www.dwu.org](http://www.dwu.org)

E-mail: [dwu09board @ dwu.org](mailto:dwu09board@dwu.org)

The mission of DWU, an organization that is of, for and by Deaf women, is to promote the interests of deaf and hard of hearing women in North America through education, advocacy, empowerment and a support network.

**HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (HLAA)**

Formerly Self Help for Hard of Hearing People

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-2248 (Voice)

(301) 657-2249 (TTY)

Website: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

Chapter Listings: [www.hearingloss.org/chapters/index.asp](http://www.hearingloss.org/chapters/index.asp).

HLAA is the nation's largest organization for people with hearing loss. The philosophy of HLAA is to open the world of communication for people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support. National conferences generate revenue for the twelve state organizations, raise awareness of HLAA in each state and bring in new members. State organizations run these conferences, build coalitions with other state agencies, promote advocacy and legislation to get hearing aid insurance coverage as well as participate in state advisory boards.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF (NAD)**

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 820

Silver Spring, MD 20910

(301) 587-1788 (Voice)

(301) 587-1789 (TTY)

Website: [www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org)

California Chapter Affiliate: [www.cad1906.org/](http://www.cad1906.org/)

This consumer organization advocates equal access for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the areas of education, employment, telecommunication, human

services and rehabilitation. Through the NAD Interpreter Assessment and Certification Program, NAD provides evaluation and certification of qualified candidates to serve as sign language interpreters.

### **NATIONAL BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES (NBDA)**

Website: [www.nbda.org/](http://www.nbda.org/)

E-mail: [secretary@nbda.org](mailto:secretary@nbda.org)

The Mission of the NBDA is to promote the leadership development, economic and educational opportunities, social equality, and to safeguard the general health and welfare of Black deaf and hard of hearing people.

### **NATIONAL DISSEMINATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (NICHCY)**

1825 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 700

Washington, DC 20009

(800) 695.0285 (VOICE/TTY)

(202).884.8200 (VOICE/TTY)

Website: [www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

Email: [nichcy@aed.org](mailto:nichcy@aed.org)

NICHCY serves the nation as a central source of information on: disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth; IDEA which is the law authorizing special education; No Child Left Behind, which relates to law regarding equal education for all children; and research-based information on effective educational practices.

## ***REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS***

### **BAY AREA ASIAN DEAF ASSOCIATION (BAADA)**

Website: [www.baada.org](http://www.baada.org)

BAADA's mission is to promote personal and community development, network, cultural awareness, education, advocacy and the interests of the Asian Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community of San Francisco Bay Area. BAADA also enhances the celebration of cultural diversity in our community.

### **CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF (CAD)**

Website: [www.cad1906.org/](http://www.cad1906.org/)

Chapter Listings: [www.cad1906.org/index.php?pr=CAD\\_Chapters](http://www.cad1906.org/index.php?pr=CAD_Chapters)

CAD is a consumer organization, which is a part of the National Organization for the Deaf (NAD), has local, regional offices that advocate equal access for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the areas of education, employment, telecommunication and rehabilitation. Through the NAD Interpreter Assessment

and Certification Program, these chapters provide evaluation and certification of qualified candidates to serve as sign language interpreters.

### **DEAF AZTLAN**

P.O. Box 14431

San Francisco, CA 94114

Website: [www.deafvision.net/aztlan/](http://www.deafvision.net/aztlan/)

E-mail: [aztlan@deafvision.net](mailto:aztlan@deafvision.net)

Deaf Aztlan is an online resource for Deaf Latinos/as living in the United States. In addition to this online website, they provide a news and discussion list for Deaf Latinos/Latinas and their supporters.

### **HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA (HLA-CA)**

Formerly Self Help for Hard of Hearing People

Website: [www.hearinglossca.org/](http://www.hearinglossca.org/)

Chapter Listings: [www.hearinglossca.org/html/chapters.htm](http://www.hearinglossca.org/html/chapters.htm)

National E-mail Listing: [info@hearingloss.org](mailto:info@hearingloss.org)

The national organization, Hearing Loss Association of America, is the nation's largest organization for people with hearing loss. The philosophy of HLAA is to open the world of communication for people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support. The California region for the HLAA assists the national organization with their mission. The HLA-CA has Northern and Southern state coordinators which help administrate the individual chapters. State chapters are located in: Beaumont, Coachella Valley, Diablo Valley, East Bay, Escondido, Fresno, Simi Valley, Irvine Meadows, Laguna Woods, Long Beach/Lakewood, Los Angeles, Los Angeles CI, Mission Viejo, Napa Valley, Orange County, Orange County CI SHHH, Peninsula, Redlands, Sacramento, San Fernando Valley, San Francisco, Santa Monica, Shasta County, Sylmar, Silicon Valley, Livermore.

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASIAN DEAF ASSOCIATION (SCADA)**

P.O. BOX 5336

Torrance, CA 90510

Website: [www.scada-usa.org/](http://www.scada-usa.org/)

E-Mail: [scada@scada-usa.org](mailto:scada@scada-usa.org)

The mission of SCADA is to promote Asian American cultural diversity and awareness for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals in Southern California. SCADA encourages Asian Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals to explore and address cultural, educational, and social issues and to become empowered and develop their leadership potential in our community.

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (SCADHH)**

P.O. Box 1892

Tustin, CA 92781

(714) 564-1670 (Fax)

(603) 754-8320 (Fax)

Website: [www.angelfire.com/ca3/SCADHH/](http://www.angelfire.com/ca3/SCADHH/)

E-mail: [deaf@activist.com](mailto:deaf@activist.com)

This organization is run by people with different ranges of hearing disabilities and who also use differing modes of communication. This is primarily an advocacy organization which focuses on improving employment and education for deaf and hard of hearing persons.